

OBITUARY NOTICES

G. L. M. McELLIGOTT, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. G. L. M. McElligott, consulting venereologist to St. Mary's Hospital, London, died on 8 September. He was 75.

Gerald Legh Malins McElligott was born on 1 June 1897, the son of a highly respected general practitioner in Lancashire. He went straight from school at Stoneyhurst to serve as a combatant in the first world war and later studied medicine at Oxford and at St. Thomas's Hospital, qualifying in 1926. While at St. Thomas's he worked in the V.D. clinic under the direction of Colonel Harrison and so developed the interest in venereology which was to determine his career. After some further experience in the V.D. clinic at Stoke-on-Trent he returned to London in the early 1930s to plan and direct the newly formed clinic at St. Mary's Hospital, which was to be the main focus of his life's work. Under his direction the clinic became an extremely active and world-famous organization which trained and developed many young men who are leading experts in the subject at the present time. During the second world war he was consultant to the Royal Air Force and responsible for organizing its V.D. service during and after the war.

On the retirement of Colonel Harrison he became adviser in V.D. to the Ministry of Health and played a major part in the

reorganization which followed implementation of the National Health Service Act from 1948 onwards. He was consultant to the World Health Organization, a member of the expert advisory panel on V.D. of W.H.O., and a past president of the Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases. His work in this field continued with undiminished vigour and enthusiasm for a number of years until failing health imposed a premature retirement, and he then went to live in Eire.

"Mac," as he was always called, was a tremendous enthusiast for his subject. His heart was in clinical work, and although circumstances demanded from him much administrative work, which he performed with zeal and efficiency, he was happiest when seeing patients. He was a man who earned the respect and affection of all his associates, not least at his hospital of adoption, St. Mary's. He was a lovable man, and, more than that, he was a man of the utmost integrity for whom truth, justice, and sincerity were paramount. Such a man is an example for us all, and will be sorely missed by his many friends in Britain and in Eire. His last years were clouded by progressive ill health, a time of difficulty in which he was supported by his deep religious faith and by the devoted attention of his wife.—A.J.K.

other than the stoker, nor were any male patients accepted. The only males in any way encouraged were the subscribers to the hospital funds. So "Paddy" has gone, a bright, sprightly, provoking figure who made life happier for all who knew her.

F. H. W. TOZER

M.D., M.R.C.P.

Dr. F. H. W. Tozer, formerly honorary consulting endocrinologist to the City Hospital, Nottingham, and consulting chest physician to the Forest Dene Chest Clinic, died at Nottingham on 18 August. He was 77.

Frederick Henry Wickham Tozer was born on 28 March 1895 at Bakewell, Derbyshire, and received his medical training at the London Hospital. He graduated M.B., B.S. in 1922, took the M.R.C.P. in 1925, and proceeded M.D. in 1933. For 15 years he served on the staff of Peppard Common Sanatorium in Oxfordshire. During this period he acted for some time as clinical assistant at the Royal Berkshire Hospital and it was there that his interest in endocrinology developed. In 1937 he joined the staff of the Forest Dene Clinic, and a few years later was co-author of *Endocrine Disorders in Childhood and Adolescence*, the second edition of which appeared in 1954.

Dr. Tozer was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a member of the East Midlands Society of Physicians. He was a linguist and had a good working knowledge of the four major European languages. His many friends and colleagues will miss him. He is survived by his wife and daughter.—J.V.W.

Lady SARAH WINSTEDT, M.B., CH.B.

Lady Sarah Winstedt, who began her medical career at the Royal Free Hospital in 1912, died on 9 September. She was 86.

Sarah O'Flynn was born on 4 April 1886 in County Clare, Ireland, and educated at convents there and in France. In 1912 she graduated in medicine from Edinburgh University and was appointed obstetrical assistant at the Royal Free Hospital, London. During the first world war she joined the R.A.M.C., serving in Malta and Salonika and at Fort Pitt, and in 1919 went with a medical mission to North Russia. She went back to Malaya in 1912 and eventually worked in the Singapore General Hospital. In 1937 she returned to England and continued medical work until 1952. Lady Winstedt was joint author of *Tropical Hygiene for Schools*, published in 1950-3. Her husband, Sir Richard Winstedt, died in 1966. There were no children.

A.D.W. writes: Lady Winstedt has left behind many pleasant recollections in her full and varied life. She was two years qualified before the first war started and served with the Serbian Army in Serbia and Salonika. After the war she entered the Colonial Medical Service and went to Malaya. At first she served in the "Ulu" in places like Kuala Lipis, Kuala Kubu, and

Seremban and later went to Singapore and worked in the General Hospital there. She was always keen to do surgery and acquired it by any method. I remember well how she anticipated the Mohel and circumcised a Jewish child without the appropriate prayers. The consequent row lasted a long time, but seemed to give her great joy. She had a quick speech and an Irish brogue, and a ready sense of humour. Decidedly risqué for those early days, her remarks amused the men and outraged the women. She married Richard Winstedt, who was a great Malayan scholar, and they had a happy married life, a little disturbed by Paddy's excesses and idiosyncrasies, which he endured quietly and with great good humour. Caught up in the women's suffrage movement, she was a friend of the Pankhursts and enjoyed chaining herself to railings, going to prison, and making frequent demonstrations. Victory for women being acquired, she found other inequitable treatments of women and continued the battle long after it was won. She was very fond of finding any grievance and fighting for its redress in the most illogical way.

After leaving the Malayan Medical Service she worked in the Marie Curie Hospital in Hampstead as assistant director and enjoyed the fact that no males worked in the hospital

G. V. DAVIES

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.ED.

Dr. G. V. Davies, formerly divisional medical officer of the East Midlands Division, Ministry of Health, died on 12 July. He was 77.

George Vincent Davies, the son of a doctor, was born at Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, on 23 April 1895 and educated at Llanelli Grammar School, Epsom College, and St. Mary's Hospital, London. A keen sportsman, he represented St. Mary's and Llanelli at rugby. Qualifying in 1917, he joined the R.A.M.C. and was posted to India where he served in the North-west Frontier Province. In 1918 he took over his father's practice at Llanelli and worked there in partnership with his brother for 13 years. In 1926 he took the F.R.C.S.ED and did much general and traumatic surgery at Llanelli Hospital. By 1930 the strain of his double role as surgeon and general practitioner was affecting his health and he applied for the post of regional medical

officer in the Ministry of Health. In that capacity he worked first in London and then in Birmingham until the outbreak of war in 1939, when he rejoined the R.A.M.C. and resumed his surgical career. He went first with a field hospital to France, and then, after Dunkirk, was posted to Gibraltar for three years, where he was in charge of the surgical unit at the Gort Hospital. After D-Day he returned to France and his hospital followed the Allied advance into Germany. He held the rank of lieutenant-colonel and was mentioned in dispatches for his work in Gibraltar.

After the war he returned to the Ministry of Health and was appointed regional medical officer at Leeds, later becoming divisional medical officer at Nottingham of the East Midlands Division. He retired in 1965, but continued to do medical referee part-time work until 1968.

Dr. Davies always set himself a high standard and is still remembered with affection and gratitude by his patients at Llanelli. In the more administrative circles of the Ministry of Health he always gave keen support to his staff. His recreations in later years were photography and gardening.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, both of whom are doctors.—G.R.D.

M. L. MURPHY

M.B., B.CH., B.A.O.

Dr. M. L. Murphy, formerly in general practice at Liverpool, died on 6 September. He was 72.

Matthias Leo Murphy was born at Cork on 31 March 1900 and graduated in medicine from University College, Cork, in 1925. For several years he worked as a ship's surgeon with the Blue Funnel line, and then after serving as a locum at Liverpool set up in practice there in the Dingle area in 1935. He was also assistant medical officer for the Liverpool Public Assistance Commission and an examiner for the Royal Liver Friendly Society. He retired in 1963.

Leo was a first-rate family physician, well loved and respected by his colleagues and patients, to whom with his balanced and mature judgement he gave unremitting service. In private life he was an ideal family man with a quiet sense of humour. He is survived by his wife and son.—J.B.M., A.H.E.

J. V. VIOLET

M.B., CH.B., D.C.H.

Dr. J. V. Violet, who was in general practice in North Ronaldsay, Orkney, died on 14 August. He was 41.

John Victor Violet was born on 23 October 1930 and educated at Sheffield University, where he graduated in medicine in 1954. In 1959 he took the D.C.H. While serving as medical and paediatric registrar at Lewisham hospital the first symptoms of his illness became apparent, but after treatment he was able to go to Ghana for two years as senior research officer to the National Institute of Health, Accra. Later, as medical officer to the Save the Children Fund, he went to Mersaad, Algeria, and there suffered a severe

attack of hepatitis which obliged him to return to Britain. In 1966 he was appointed general practitioner to the island of North Ronaldsay, but early this year his original illness recurred and led to his death.

He is survived by his wife and three young children.

A.J.S. writes: John Violet's great love was for children. His early ambition was to be a paediatrician, but his illness forced him to abandon this career. Typically, he found work with the Save the Children Fund in North Africa. John combined the Northern virtues of friendliness and common-sense, and had his illness not prevented it would have been a worthy disciple of his former chief, Professor Illingworth.

H. W. HALL

M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Dr. H. W. Hall, medical officer of health and principal school medical officer for Wallasey, Cheshire, died suddenly in hospital on 14 September. He was 62.

Howard William Hall was born on 31 October 1909 and educated at Edinburgh University, where he graduated in medicine in 1933 and took the D.P.H. in 1937. After house appointments at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, and serving as resident medical officer at Stockport Infirmary he went into general practice at Leeds, later moving to the London County Council to specialize in infectious diseases. In 1946 he went to Hertfordshire as assistant county M.O.H., and in 1949 to Wallasey as deputy M.O.H., becoming medical officer of health there in 1956.

Dr. Hall was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Health and served on the North Wirral Hospital Management Committee and the local medical committee. He was a deacon of Liscard Congregational Church and a member of Wallasey Rotary Club. Much of his spare time was taken up by voluntary work. He will be remembered as a kind, sympathetic doctor who was always ready to listen to people in difficulties and took great interest in their welfare. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is a doctor.—W.F.C.

W. V. SEMPLE

M.B., CH.B., F.R.C.S.ED.

Dr. W. V. Semple, who was in general practice at Lincoln, died on 3 September. He was 69.

William Valentine Semple was born on 22 March 1903 and educated at Edinburgh University, where he graduated in medicine in 1925. In 1929 he took the F.R.C.S.Ed. After house appointments at Edinburgh and Barnsley he entered general practice at Lincoln. He was chairman of the Lincolnshire Division of the B.M.A. from 1945 to 1947.

E.A.G. writes: Lincoln has lost a great and colourful personality by the death of Dr. Val Semple. He came here 40 years ago and was soon adopted by the city he grew to love so well. The old type of general practitioner, he was essentially practical, kind, and interested in his patients as people. He re-

membered well their personal and family histories and was quickly with them in times of trouble and at family rejoicings. He had a typical Irish wit, and we his partners will always remember the afternoons when we had time to settle the affairs of the universe and he rarely failed to bring the house down. It is hard for us to realize that such a vital person has left us. Forthright and downright, he was our friend and affectionately known as "The Boss." We are grateful to have known him.

D. N. KALYANVALA

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.M.S.,
F.C.P.S.BOMBAY

Dr. D. N. Kalyanvala, formerly in practice in Surrey, died on 3 August. He was 84.

Dadabhai Nowroji Kalyanvala was born in Bombay on 12 March 1888. After qualifying L.M.S. in Bombay in 1912 he went to England in 1914 and took the Conjoint diploma the following year at University College Hospital. He worked in several hospitals and then became assistant medical superintendent at St. Luke's Hospital, London. In 1920 he was appointed chief medical officer in Porbandar State, India, and became a Fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay in 1930. In 1950 he returned to England and began private practice in Surrey, retiring to Oxford in 1964.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, and son.

LUCY J. BURNETT

M.B., B.S.

Dr. Lucy J. Burnett, who retired from general practice eight years ago, died at her home at Clive, Shropshire, on 7 September. She was 71.

Lucy Jocelyn Burnett was born in Hampshire on 1 June 1901 and received her medical training at the London School of Medicine for Women, where she graduated in 1926. After holding hospital posts at Woking she joined a rural practice in Nottinghamshire and then in 1936 moved to the area of Clive, where she remained until her death. A tiny, eccentrically dressed figure, her life was utterly committed to her practice, and the "little Doc.," puffing the inevitable cigarette and her black bag replaced by a school satchel slung over her shoulder, was a familiar sight in that part of Shropshire. She was accompanied on her rounds by her dog, latterly riding in the comfort of a car, but previously perched on the pillion of her motor-cycle. She was kind, and desperately tried to find some good in even the most difficult of patients, but if none could be found she would say so without hesitation.

It is sad that shortly after her retirement she underwent a major operation and for the last six years of her life was far from fit and unable to enjoy fully the gardening she loved so much. However, her courage was remarkable, and the relentless deterioration in her health was received with a smile and, "Ah, well! Could be worse." She was unmarried.—D.D.G.